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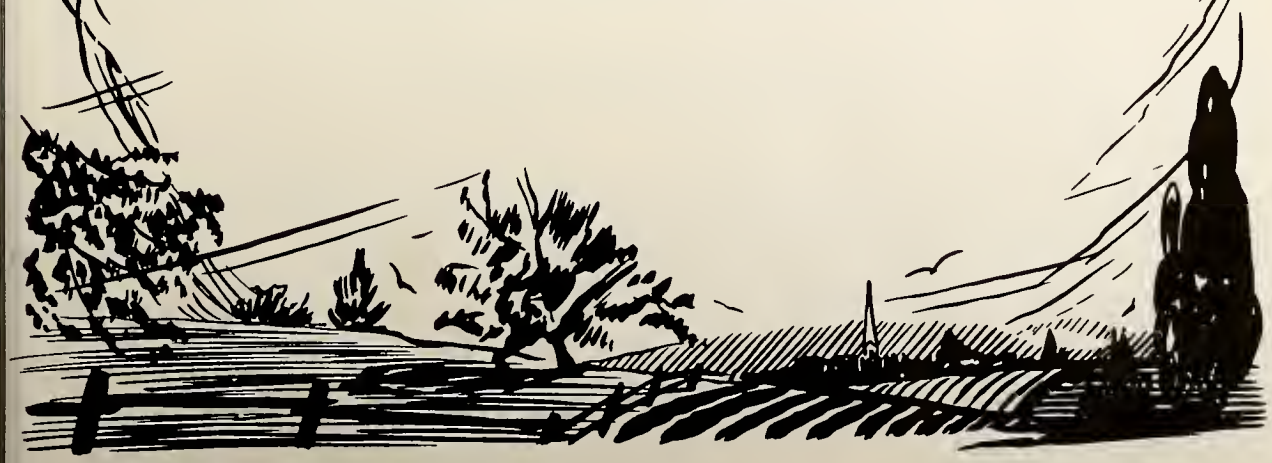
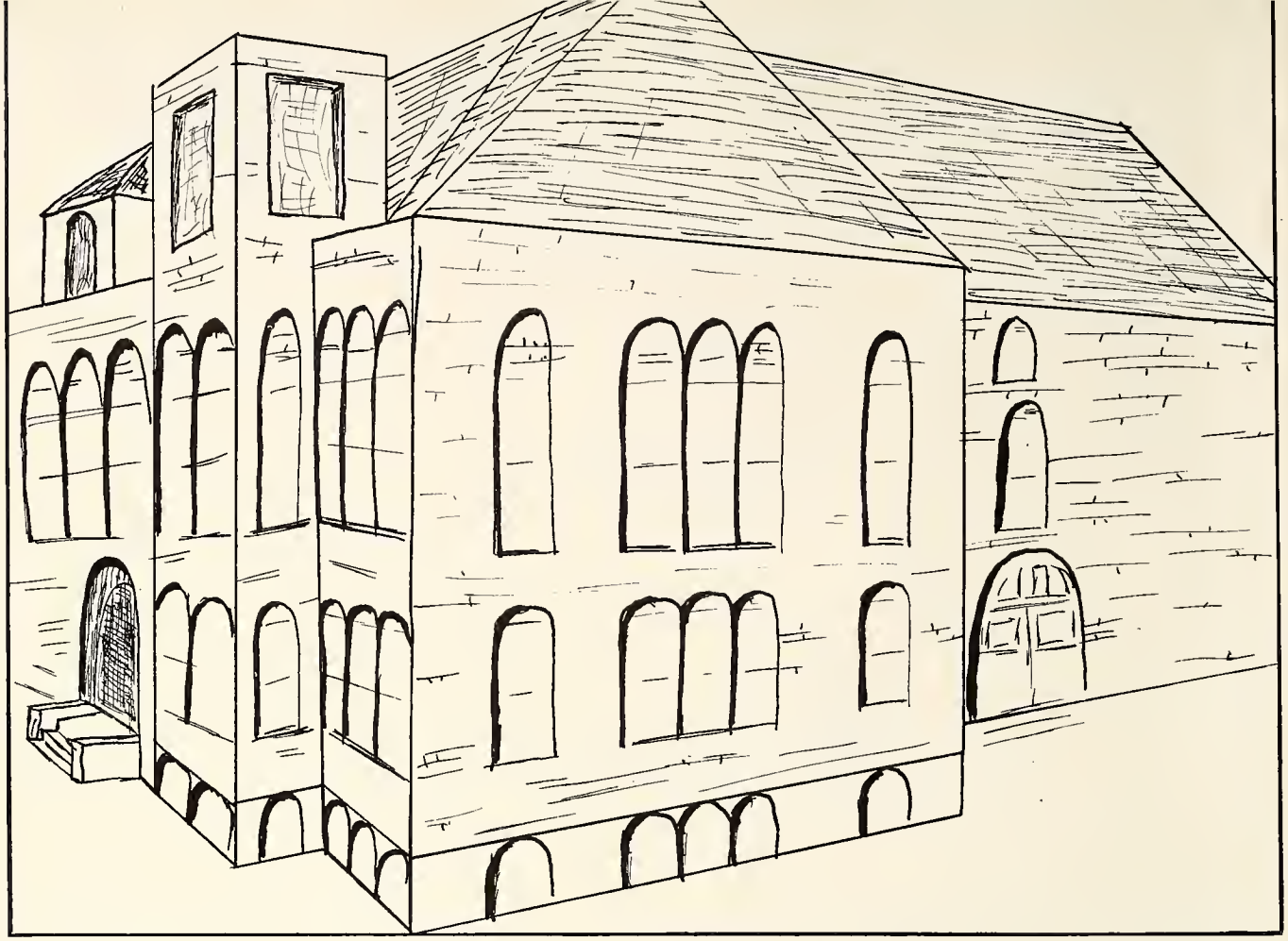




## *Petroleum Made Petroleum*

Petroleum School, as we know it today, had its beginning in 1899. According to an early paper, it was two stories high, consisting of five rooms and one hall. At present, fifth and sixth grades, music and history classes, and the office are located in these rooms.

Nottingham Township was still quite young when the school was built. The first settler, Joseph Blacklege, arrived on September 19, 1837. During the next year, when ten more families moved into the area, it could be said that our community actually began its existence.

Nottingham Township was organized in the 1840's and was probably named after Nottingham, England. The village of Nottingham, perhaps the oldest in the township, took the name for itself. Other early towns were Phoenix, Domestic, Ruth, and Derrick. As a result of an oil boom, the town of Petroleum was built in the 1890's.

At this time, wells were being drilled all over Indiana, but none of them produced better than the wells in our community. For instance, in 1892, a well was shot on the Allister farm which flowed 600 barrels in 24 hours. In 1893, on the Bawley farm, a well was drilled which flowed 35 barrels per hour. It was reported at this time, that no less than 25 oil derricks could be counted while standing at the crossroads at Nottingham, and most of the wells were paying.

Petroleum felt the need for a larger school in 1910 when the oil boom was still going full blast. At the time the rooms for grades one and two, science, English, home economics rooms and the coat halls were added. The cost of this addition was approximately $6,890.00. Today the probable cost of one classroom is $25,000.00. In 1924, the remainder of Petroleum School as we know it today, was built.

All through the years, memories and traditions have accumulated within Petroleum School that will probably outlive the building. The worth of a school is measured by the efforts of the people and the community it serves.

"It depends on those who pass
Whether I am a tomb or a treasure
You take out only what you put in
It depends on those who pass."

# *In Appreciation*

To Mrs. Rose, for the many hours she has unselfishly devoted to guiding our class with patience, understanding, and an unfailing sense of humor, we dedicate this annual.

Class of 1958

# Education Leads to Wider Horizons

LLOYD LIEURANCE--County Superintendent
Life consists of the alternate process of learning and unlearning, and it is often wiser to unlearn than to learn.

J. RAYMOND COX--Trustee
"Knowledge will never serve as a substitute for work. The two must be thoroughly mixed for best results."

LAUREN FLICK--Principal
Your success cannot be definitely predicted by past experience, tests, or human appraisal. With sufficient effort, applied in the right direction, you can accomplish the improbable.

# These Have Shown Us the Way

Mrs. JUSTINE TANGEMAN--director of P.H.S. publications, has withstood with optimism another year of preparing and planning of "Panther Tales" and "The Panther." She also teaches English, health and science, and journalism. Mrs. Tangeman likes collecting hi-fi records. She received a B.S. degree in home economics from Purdue University.

A new addition to the faculty staff is Mrs. MARILYN LEAP, our school secretary. She graduated from Indiana Central College in Indianapolis and has held secretarial positions at General Electric in Shelbyville and Madison State Hospital. Her hobbies are dancing, cooking, and naturally, sports since her husband is a coach.

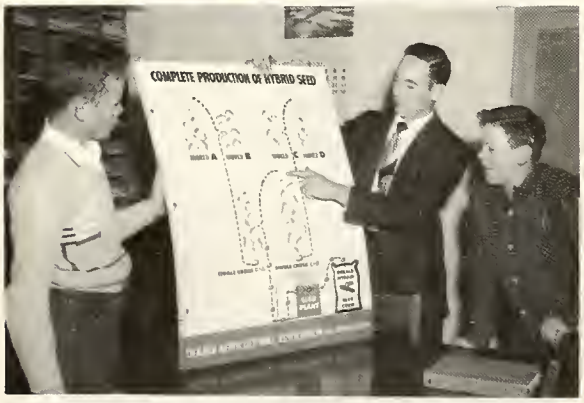
Miss FERGUSON--Miss Patricia Ferguson is our art instructor at P.H.S. She is rated as "best all around" because she enjoys many hobbies. Among her favorites is arts and crafts work. Her interest is evident in the fine work turned out by her art department. She likes fishing, swimming, and buying hats. Miss Ferguson has received a B.A. degree from St. Francis College for Women and has attended Ball State.

Mr. CARNES--Mr. Eldon Carnes, driver's training teacher at Petroleum, holds a B.S. degree in social studies and physical education from Ball State. Mr. Carnes was honored in Who's Who In Indiana in 1957, for his outstanding work in the field of education. His pastimes are fishing, horseback riding, and woodworking.

# Faculty

Mrs. DOROTHY ROSE--is the director of the music department at Petroleum. During the past three years, the number of band students has increased until at present, there are 90 enrolled in band work. Her hobby is finding and developing unsuspected talents in her students. She attended Depauw University for two years and has done additional work at Ball State Teachers College.

Mrs. MARY JANE WOOLSEY--is our fun-loving home economics teacher. She also teaches physical education and manages the school cafeteria. The mother of a redhaired baby daughter, Mrs. Woolsey has little time for hobbies, but enjoys sewing and reading. She has received a B.S. degree in home economics from Purdue University.




Mr. SCHMIDT--Jack Schmidt holds a B.S. degree from Purdue University. He has taught vocational agriculture at Petroleum for the past two years and enjoys fishing in his spare time. He lives in Linn Grove with his wife and three daughters.

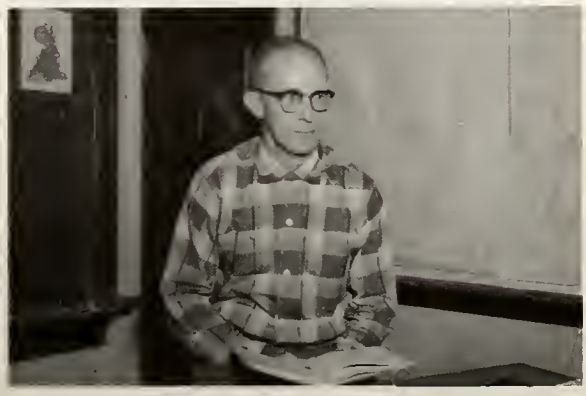
Mrs. KINDLESPARGER--Mrs. Sarah Kindlesparger, a popular and always smiling member of the faculty, teaches social studies and library. The students rate her as a favorite because of her wonderful sense of humor. Sewing is her favorite hobby. Mrs. Kindlesparger has received a B.S. degree in education and an M.A. degree in social science from Ball State.

# Faculty

Mrs. PHYLLIS LAUTZENHEISER--teaches mathematics and history. A busy mother of two boys, she still finds time for her favorite hobbies, knitting and reading. She is known at Petroleum for her knowledge of mathematics, her favorite subject. She has received a B.S. degree in mathematics, social studies, and science from Ball State.

JAMES LEAP--of Shelbyville, Indiana is the PHS coach and commerce teacher. Towering over other faculty members, he stands at 6'4". Sports of all kinds are tops with him and he enjoys coaching. The past year was his first as a teacher and as a husband. His pretty, perky, wife is the school secretary at Petroleum. He received a B.S. degree from Hanover College at Madison, Indiana.

LESTER REYNOLDS--has taught sixth grade at Petroleum School for the past seventeen years. He attended Ball State Teachers College and began his teaching career more than 38 years ago. He has had the interesting experience of teaching children of a number of his former pupils. Mr. Reynolds lives with his family in Linn Grove and enjoys sports and fishing.



ASBURY WALKER--has a Bachelor of Science degree from Oakland College and has taught for twenty-one years. He has served as fifth grade teacher and junior high coach at Petroleum for the past ten years. He and Mrs. Walker live in Petroleum and enjoy hunting, fishing, traveling, and sports.

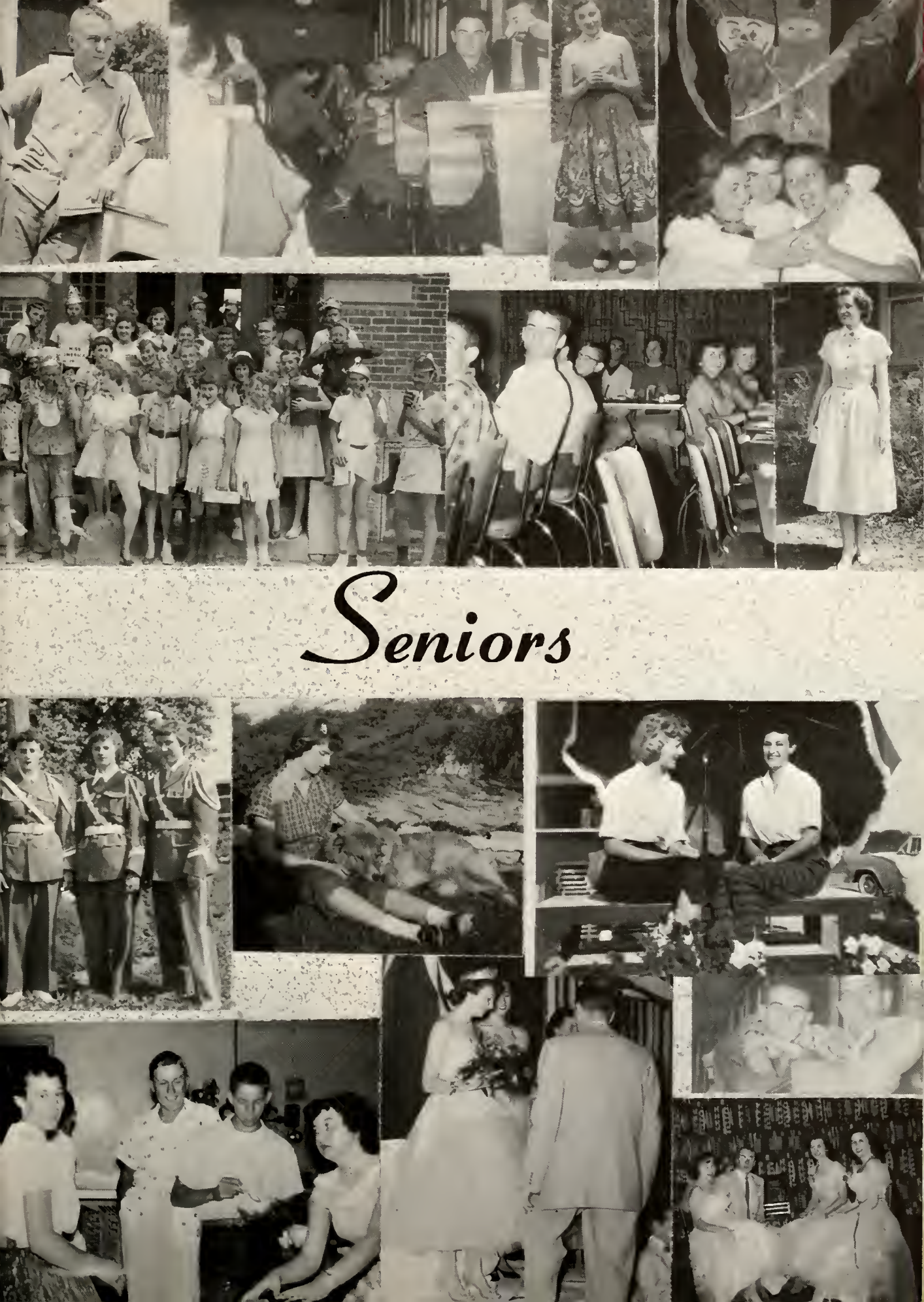
# Faculty

Mrs. EGLY--Mrs. Helen Egly is the fourth grade teacher at Petroleum. She has taught grade school for 21 years, mostly fourth grade. Besides teaching school, she has reared a family of four and now has three grandchildren. Mrs. Egly likes to travel, read, and sew, and dislikes gum chewing in class. She received her degree in elementary education from Ball State.

Mrs. WALKER--Mrs. Elsie Walker received her B.S. degree in elementary education from Oakland City College. She is now teaching the third grade at Petroleum. In her sixteen years of teaching experience, Mrs. Walker has taught all eight grades. Her favorite hobby is arts and crafts work, but she is also an ardent basketball fan.

Mrs. GLENDENING--Mrs. Pearl Glendening is completing her twenty-first year of teaching. She has taught the second grade at Petroleum for ten years. She enjoys teaching very much and art is her favorite hobby. Mrs. Glendening received a B.S. degree in elementary education from Ball State Teachers College.

Mrs. NOE--Mrs. Mildred Noe has received her life license in primary education at Ball State Teachers College. She has taught the first grade for twenty-two years. Her clever ideas make her popular among the younger set. Besides teaching school, Mrs. Noe likes reading.



# Seniors

# Four Years Have Come and Just As Quickly Gone

CLASS OFFICERS: Elizabeth Bryant, Treasurer; Don Schooley, President; Barbara Cox, Vice President; Earl Meshberger, News Reporter; Ramona Worman, Secretary.

RICHARD ALLISON ARNOLD
"Panther Tales" assignment editor . . . president of Student Council '56,'57 . . . member in 4-H club . . . played basketball for three years . . . sports rate as tops . . . likes math . . . quiet . . . college bound for mechanical engineering.

ELIZABETH ANN BRYANT
Better known as Anne . . . faithful class treasurer for four years . . . blue eyed Sweetheart Queen . . . petite cheer-leader for three years . . . took part in both class plays . . . likes 4-H work and home economics . . . busy business manager of annual and school paper.

# Remember the Excitement of Tourney Time?

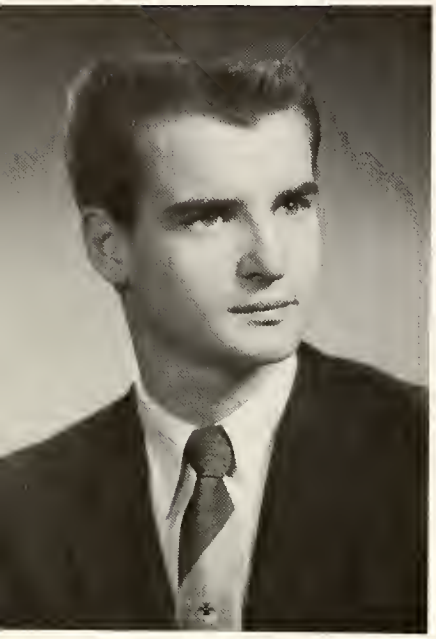
CAROLYN JEAN DAVIS
"Short stuff" . . . librarian and chorus member . . . faithful worker . . . ardent fan of Panther team . . . PTA reporter for "Panther Tales" . . . a hillbilly sweetheart in "Feudin' Over Yonder" . . . likes hamburgers . . . cooperative . . . plans to attend beauty college.

BARBARA LOU COX
Known as Boots . . . sweet personality . . . Miss Limberlost in '55 . . . active Student Council president for two years . . . state 4-H dress revue representative . . . class vice-president for three years . . . willing worker as copy and assistant editor for "Panther" . . . plans to be an elementary teacher.

DONALD DEE ENGLE
"Ron" to those who don't know any better . . . played basketball for three years . . . baseball left fielder . . . fun loving . . . member of 4-H club . . . likes agriculture and plans to farm . . . stage manager for senior play.

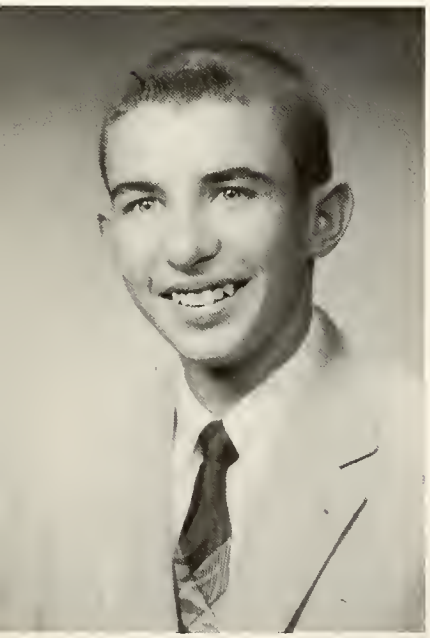
RONALD LEE ENGLE
"Don" to those who don't know any better . . . played basketball for three years . . . baseball left fielder . . . a scream as "Willy" in the senior play . . . cooperative . . . always ready to help . . . favorite subject is agriculture . . . plans to farm.

# And the Heartbreak? Nor Can We Forget



DENNIS LEE DIFFENDERFER
"Diffy" . . . served as class secretary and news reporter . . . star of "Granddad Steps Out" . . . cartoonist for "Panther Tales" . . . has artistic ability . . . enjoys math . . . great talker . . . plans future in electronics . . . never a dull moment.

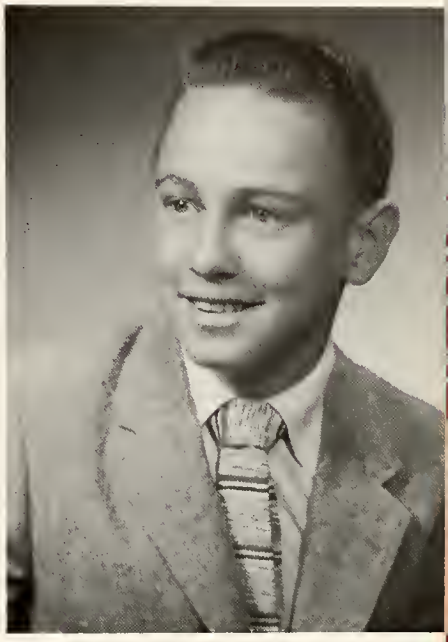
NANCY JANE FOUST
Short and sweet . . . member of chorus . . . took part in both plays . . . always ready to help . . . librarian for two years . . . likes to take snapshots . . . loves yellow . . . sports a sparkling ring . . . winner of "Homemaker of Tomorrow" contest.



ROBERT ALLEN FEAR
"Bob" . . . four years basketball player . . . stage manager for junior play . . . favorite subject is agriculture . . . feeds on milk shakes . . . good worker . . . would rather rest . . . experienced ice skater . . . shy of girls . . . plans to farm.

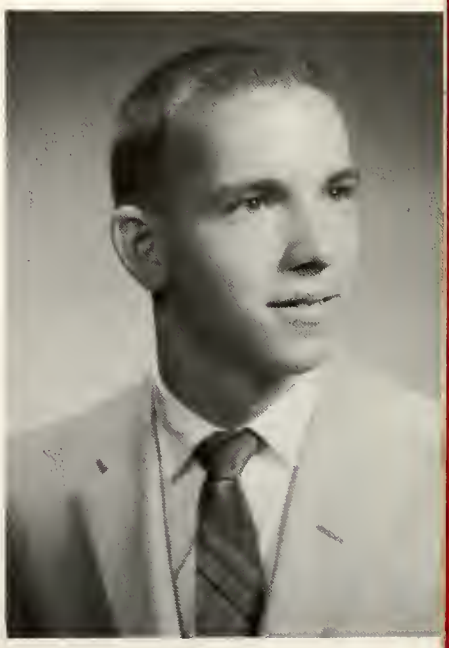
WYNDETTA ALICE GRAHAM
Quiet librarian . . . member of 4-H club . . . circulation manager of "Panther Tales" . . . participated in chorus and senior play . . . likes to read and sew . . . rarely seen without Nancy F. . . . crazy about yellow and ice blue . . . would like office work.

# First Dates, Passing Notes, Playing Hookey



EARL WAYNE MESHBERGER
"Squirrely" to us . . . always has a trick up his sleeve . . . member of the band for three years . . . past student manager of our basketball team . . . a riot in "Granddad Steps Out" . . . great inventor of methods to get out of doing work . . . member of production staff and reporter for the school paper.

JONE GREGG
Blue-eyed blonde . . . sweet and pretty . . . Miss Petroleum in '56 . . . representative in Jr. Miss Indiana contest '57 . . . member of Panther and Panther Tales staff . . . class secretary in sophomore year . . . bound for Warner Beauty College.



CARL WAYNE PEASE
Known to some as "Bo" . . . basketball player for three years . . . lover of sports . . . sports writer for "Panther Tales" . . . weakness for blue-eyed girls . . . a busy farmer . . . good humored . . . plans to invent hollow centered soap so there are no little pieces left.

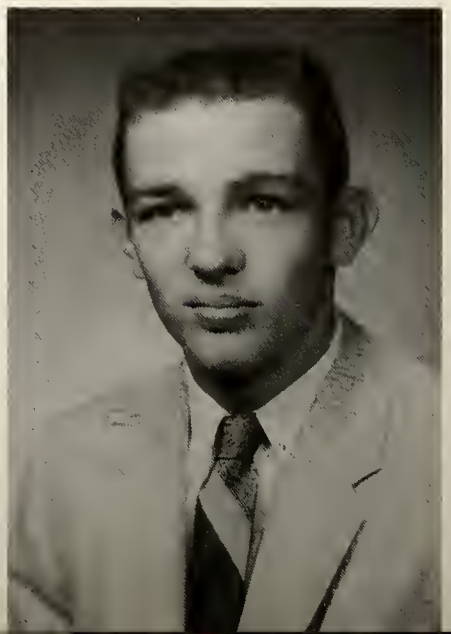
RONALD HENRY JOHNS
Speedy sportsman . . . swell basketball player for four years . . . all county team in '58 . . . baseball short stop for four years . . . riot in "Feudin' Over Yonder" . . . participated in track for three years . . . member of paper and annual staff . . . 4-H club . . . would like to retire at eighteen.

# We Remember Hardworking Teachers, and Now, The

JOYCE IRENE PENROD
Speaks softly and smiles sweetly . . . office secretary . . . always ready to help . . . member of band for two years . . . likes to play accordian . . . participated in senior play . . . ambition is to be a music teacher.

SUE ELIZABETH REYNOLDS
Brown eyed and bold . . . member of chorus for three years . . . plays a swingin' sax . . . editor of school paper . . . office secretary . . . fun loving and carefree . . . leaving her future plans up to her lucky stars.

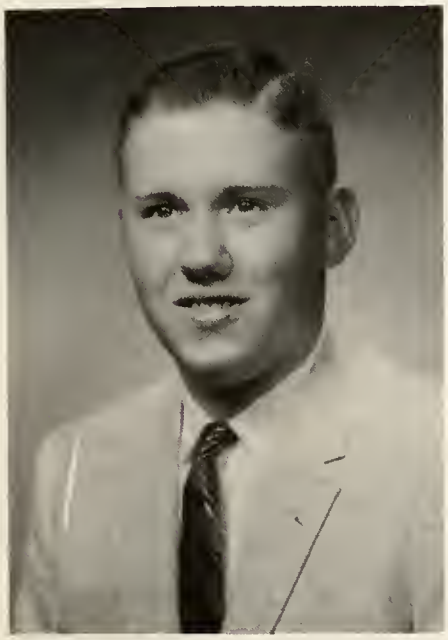
NANCY JANE PINKERTON
Brown eyed brunette . . . sweet and usually jolly . . . participated in both class plays . . . sang in chorus for three years . . . office secretary and librarian . . . plans to be a housewife soon . . . has interests in army.



DONALD LEE SCHOOLEY
Faithful class president for 4 years . . . member of student council for 2 years . . . four years of basketball . . . baseball 3rd baseman . . . track . . . State Fair champion in sheep for two years . . . both class plays . . . annual and paper staff member . . . destined for success.

# High Point of Our Four Years, Graduation Day!

HELEN CAROLL WILLIAMS
Came to P.H.S. in sophomore year from Pennville . . . editor of the "Panther" . . . assistant editor of "Panther Tales" . . . in both class plays . . . peppy cheerleader . . . math genius . . . office secretary . . . good dancer . . . sure to be a success.



GARY DEAN SHANNON
Quiet blonde . . . photographer for "Panther" . . . sings like Sinatra . . . participated in both class plays . . . 4-H member . . . always there when needed . . . courteous . . . won't quit trying for those A's . . . willing worker.

RAMONA ANN WORMAN
Referred to as "Romo" . . . silent and sweet . . . office secretary and typist for school paper . . . member of Student Council . . . chorus and band for four years . . . news reporter and secretary of class . . . took parts in both plays . . . nice to be around.

BILL EUGENE STANTON
Everyone likes Bill . . . fabulous track runner for four years . . . terrific in "Feudin' Over Yonder" . . . two year school ping-pong champ . . . always smiling . . . real outdoor man . . . likes hunting and trapping . . . circulation staff for school paper.

# Looking Back

## Class History

The fall of 1954 marked the beginning of our high school journey. There were twenty-seven of us, wide eyed and proud: Richard Arnold, Janet Banter, Elizabeth Bryant, Barbara Cox, Carolyn Davis, Dennis Diffenderfer, Donnie Engle, Ronnie Engle, Nancy Foust, Robert Fear, Wyndetta Graham, Jone Gregg, Floyd Harshman, Marjorie Hodge, Sue Ifer, Ronald Johns, Kay Kirkwood, Pat Lovell, Earl Meshberger, Robert McFarren, Carl Pease, Nancy Pinkerton, Sue Reynolds, Donald Schooley, Gary Shannon, Bill Stanton, Nora Vanover, Ramona Worman. Our class officers were: President-Don S., Vice Pres.- Barbara C., Secretary-Dennis D., and Treasurer-Elizabeth B.

We were promptly "put in our places" on initiation day, but as the year progressed, we could feel the greeness wearing off.

We were more confident in our sophomore year and we were beginning to enjoy the feeling of seniority. Our officers were Pres.-Don S., Vice Pres.-Caroll W., Secretary-Jone G., Treasurer-Elizabeth B., News Reporter-Dennis D.

During the year, Pat Lovell moved to Portland and Caroll Williams joined our class.

In our junior year, we began to realize that hard work accompanies high school years. Our main money-making projects were, selling magazines, handling the ballgame concessions, presenting the play "Granddad Steps Out," and playing host to the seniors at the reception. Perhaps the project we worked hardest on was our Valentine Dance.

Our membership remained the same this year and our officers were Pres.-Don S., Vice Pres.-Barbara C., Secretary-Ramona W., Treasurer-Elizabeth B., News Reporter-Richard A.

We began our final year minus Bob McFarren, Sue Ifer, Janet Banter, Floyd Harshman, and Kay Kirkwood.

In our senior year, we sold Christmas cards and candy, gave a Valentine Dance, and presented the play, "Feudin' Over Yonder." For all of us, this year has been the most exciting, fastest moving year of all.

We will not remember however, the fall of '54 as the beginning and the spring of '58 as the end. Instead, we will remember the good times between these two important dates, as we recall our high school days at P.H.S.

# Senior Prophecy

We were on a planet-wide tour in our sputnik, "The Junior" when we passed a rocket ship called "The Music." It was owned by that famous pair, Barbara Cox and Billy Stanton, the queen and king of rock-n-roll. The were on their way to earth to put on a show. Barbara now has a diamond-studded sax and Billy a transparent guitar. Rich I guess!

A few stars later, we passed over Mars and guess who was in the King's Palace. Yes, Gary Shannon. But, he's only the king. Ramona Worman's the queen and she runs everything including Gary. We also see Ronnie Johns there; he's the janitor. Ronnie's married now and is the father of two sets of triplets.

EEk! What was that. Oh, I guess it was just Wyndetta Graham and Nancy Foust practicing for the king. They are singers and dancers in the King's Harem. They always have been interested in singing since they played the part of singers in the senior play.

Next we passed over Mercury and there was Richard Arnold and his assistant Joyce Penrod working on a rocket that would enable the people on Mercury to reach Earth. Richard and Joyce have been planning to tie the knot for years.

No! It can't be; but it is. Earl Meshberger is down on his knees begging Sue Reynolds to take him for a ride in her "Rocket for Men." It seems that Sue is the ruler of Venus and somehow she got the idea she was the beautiful goddess. She has obtained the name, "The Bad and the Beautiful." Contrary to school days, Sue and Earl seem to be pretty good pals.

As Saturn comes into view on our finder, we see Donnie Schooley working in an Automatic Theater. All you do is press a button and everyone is seated.

Well, we've been traveling quite a while now. Let's stop off on Neptune. Swoosh. Here we are and here comes Caroll Williams, the proprietor of the "Neptune Motel and Refueling Station." Everyone stops at Caroll's.

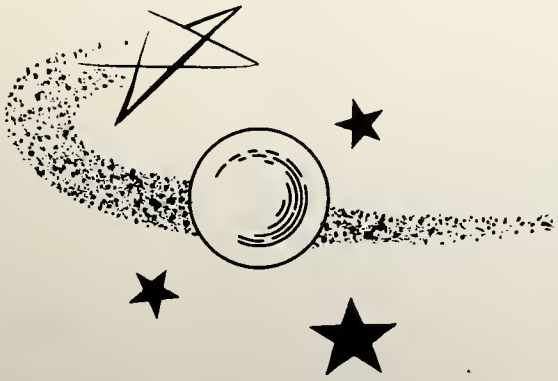
Some of the travelers staying over in Caroll's Motel were Nancy Pinkerton and Bob Fear. They were married only two weeks ago by our good friend Rev. Carl Pease. After the ceremony, Rev. Pease had to hurry back to his beautiful wife, Anne - Anne Bryant as we know her. Ann and Carl always were fond of each other.

As we come in closer range of Uranus, we can see Donnie and Ronnie Engle's mansion. They haven't been getting along too well. Ronnie lives in one half of the house and Donnie in the other. They both have lovely brides - twin sisters at that.

Now we're traveling near a road in Pluto. Oh no! There's Carolyn Davis chasing Dennis Diffenderfer again. She is driving her jet-propelled police car. All the police on Pluto are policewomen. Carolyn is the head of the whole force. Dennis has a jet-propelled car also. He just loves to have the police chasing him, especially Carolyn.

We should stop off on Earth before we go home. We are now over Elvis Presley's home in Tennessee. My what a lovely housekeeper he has. Why, it's Jone Gregg. Elvis is retired now and Jone waits on him hand and foot. Lately she's been all shook up learning that she will inherit Elvis' teddy bears.

Well, it's been a long journey and we're sorry we have to leave but we must get back to our castle on the moon.



# "Grandad Steps Out"

"Grandad Steps Out" was a three act comedy with a bit of mystery involved. Grandad is a sickly old man who is babied by his daughter, Mrs. Morton, until his old friend, Big Jim, came to call. Big Jim convinced Grandad to step out with him. Then the mystery began. After several complicated situations, everything is straightened out in time for a happy ending. Cast-Grandad-Dennis Differderfer, Mrs. Morton-Caroll Williams, Tillie-Barbara Cox, Judy-Nancy Foust, Trudie-Ramona Worman, Ludie-Elizabeth Bryant, Miss Abbey-Sue Reynolds, Big Jim-Gary Shannon, Kip-Earl Meshberger, Betty-Jone Gregg, Mrs. Feeney-Nancy Pinkerton, Jack-Don Schooley, Messenger boy and detective-Bill Stanton.

# "Feudin' Over Yonder"

Our senior play was a hillbilly play, rich in the humor of the Ozark Mountains. The story revolves around the Popoff family and the Fry family who have been feudin' for years. It was full of merry mixups and rib-tickling situations. Everyone turned out "happy and hitched" in the end.

Cast-Mountain Maggie-Sue Reynolds, Maw Fry-Barbara Cox, Emmy Fry-Jone Gregg, Izzie Fry-Bill Stanton, Clem Fry-Ronnie Johns, Rosie Belle Fry-Caroll Williams, Aunt Harry Hornhonker-Joyce Penrod, Becky Mae-Carolyn Davis, Willy-Ronnie Engle, Pappy Popoff-Dennis Diffenderfer, Zeke-Don Schooley, Travelin' Preacher-Gary Shannon, Wedding Guests-Wyndetta Graham, Nancy Foust, Nancy Pinkerton, Musicians-Ramona Worman, Elizabeth Bryant

# We Could Have Danced All Night

1957-Our Valentine Dance, held on the night of February 15, was the climax of our Junior year. By eight o'clock the gym was filled with handsome young men in their Sunday best, and lovely young ladies in gowns of silk and lace. Miss Elizabeth Bryant was chosen queen of the dance; sharing the spotlight with our queen were Miss Pauline Ramseyer, Miss Barbara Cox, Miss Janet Mason, and Miss Linda Pease, Miss Bryant's attendants. This night of splendor has ended, but it will always live in our memories.

1958-We Did It Again!

# Especially We Remember Our Jr.-Sr. Reception

*1957 . . . We Are Hosts  Hotel Van Orman, Fort Wayne*

*1958 . . . We Are Guests  The Dutch Mill, Bluffton*

# Our Last Will and Testament

We, the class of nineteen hundred and fifty eight hereby declare this our last will and testament on May second, nineteen hundred and fifty eight.

ARTICLE I

To the Juniors, we will our ability to have an even number of boys and girls in our graduating class.

To the Sophomores, we will our Quaker seating arrangement in government and journalism classes.

To the Freshmen, we will a file so they may file the bars of the school windows.

ARTICLE II

To Mr. Flick, we will a 10 years supply of unexcuse blanks.

To Mrs. Rose, we will a more co-operative class to sponsor.

To Mrs. Woolsey, we will an army cooking manual to plan next years meals.

To Mrs. Kindlesparger, we will a fox tail for her T-bird.

To Mrs. Lautzenheiser, we will a box of "talk no more pills."

To Mr. Schmidt we will a quiet seventh period study hall.

To Mrs. Tangeman, we will the key to unlock her journalism class door.

To Mr. Leap, we will a tough master sergeant in the army.

To Mrs. Leap, we will an office "all" her own.

ARTICLE III

In witness hereof we, the undersigned attorneys do fix our names this second day of May in the year of our Lord 1958.

I, JONE GREGG, will my ability to go with one guy for two years to Charlene Carnes and my blonde hair to my brother, John.

I, JOYCE PENROD, will my ability to smile at everyone to anyone who needs it.

I, DENNIS DIFFENDERFER, will my ability to grow a beard to Richard Henley, and my 5 feet 11 inches to Duke Ramseyer.

I, CAROLYN DAVIS, will my shortness to my kid sister Connie, who has already beat me in height, and my bottle of peroxide from last year to Sharon Bowman in case she runs out of her own.

I, NANCY FOUST, will my ability of going steady with one boy as long as I have, to Linda Pease.

I, CARL PEASE, will my beautiful hair cut to Jerry Beechler and my ability to stay away from the girls to Ted Williams.

I, DONALD SCHOOLEY, will my ability to get along with Hartford girls to Dave Minnich.

I, DONNIE ENGLE, will my nickname "Deacon" to Gary Isch and my curly hair to Duke Ramseyer.

I, RONNIE JOHNS, being all brains and no body, will my snappy Ford to anyone who thinks he can pick up more snappers than I have.

I, BARBARA COX, will my height to Duke Ramseyer, and my ability to keep from going steady during my high school years to Bonnie Warner.

I, RONNIE ENGLE, will my wavy hair to Raymond Pinkerton to have and to grab, and my ability to stay away from girls to Gary Isch.

I, GARY SHANNON, will my number twelve shoes to Duke Ramseyer.

I, EARL MESHBERGER, will my Micky Mouse ears to Richard Henley, and my Skinny Minnie reducing machine to Rosemary McClish.

I, RICHARD ARNOLD, will my long narrow feet to Genn Worman, and my left-handed eversharp to Richard Henley.

I, ELIZABETH BRYANT, will my freckles to Gary Isch, "He needs them," and my class treasury job to anyone who feels like their purse is large enough to hold the money.

I, NANCY PINKERTON, will my ability to count the lunch money to anyone who thinks they can, and my seat in study hall to my brother when he becomes a senior.

I, WYNDETTA GRAHAM, of little body and mind, will my ability of talking in the 4th period study hall to the freshman boys, and my long hair to anyone who would have it.

I, SUE REYNOLDS, will my favorite book entitled, "1001 Ways to Catch a Mouse" to Connie Johnson.

I, CAROLL WILLIAMS, will my job at Macy's to anyone who is willing to give up their date nights and my ability to get along with Mr. Leap to my little brother, Robert.

I, RAMONA WORMAN, will my quiet disposition to Pat Baumgartner.

I, BILL STANTON, will my trusty deer catcher to anybody who thinks they can catch a better dear than I have and my ability to get in early at night to Duke Ramseyer.

I, BOB FEAR, of sound mind and weaken body will nothing to nobody due to the fact that I am a tight-wad.

# The Climax . . . Our Senior Trip

Waiting for the train

Visiting Ike

Traveling can be fun

A moment to rest

Watch the birdie

Walk, walk, walk!

# *Our Graduation Means Goodbye*

CLASS MOTTO: Preparation is the keynote to success

CLASS COLORS: Lavendar and white

CLASS FLOWER: Lavendar carnation

# Honor Graduates

Caroll Williams, Valedictorian

Barbara Cox, Salutatorian

Ramona Worman, 3rd high in class, American Legion Award.

Don Schooley, 4th high in class, Dekalb Agriculture Achievement Award.

Richard Arnold, American Legion Award.

Nancy Foust, Betty Crocker Homemaker Award.

## Class Officers

JUNIOR OFFICERS: Connie Harshman, vice president; Sharon Johnson, treasurer; Pat Baumgartner, news reporter; Milton Short, secretary; Vaughn Betts, president.

# Underclassmen

SOPHOMORE OFFICERS: Tom Poling, president; Markeeta Myers, vice president; Bonnie Warner, treasurer; Linda Pease, secretary; Kitt Williams, news reporter.

FRESHMAN OFFICERS: Alan McCune, president; Dave Cox, secretary; Wilma Wafford, news reporter; Judy Shaffer, vice president; Shirley Bowman, treasurer.

# The Juniors Gave Us a Swell Reception

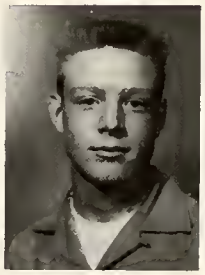
Pat Baumgartner

Jerry Beechler

Vaughn Betts

Paul Bower

Connie Harshman

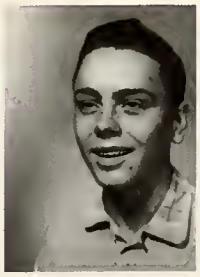


Richard Henley

Connie Hiday

Sharon Johnson

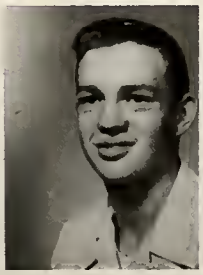
Darol Myers



Dave Meshberger

Dave Minnich

Duke Ramseyer



Gale Schooley

Milton Short

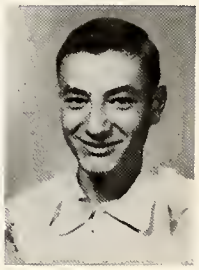
Ted Williams

# Sophomores Are Looking Forward to Class Rings

Jesse Absher

Tom Barrington

Sharon Bowman


Gene Bradley

Charlene Carnes

Betty Cupp

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Richard Markley

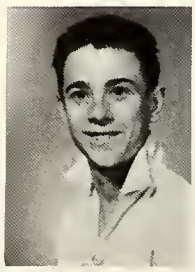
Janet Mason

Barbara Mayer

Markeeta Myers

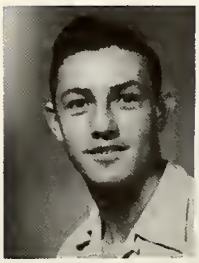
Linda Pease

Tom Poling


Norman Ramseyer

Bob Settle

Shirley Settle


Stanley Shivers

Gene Stanley

Sharon Stepp

Sharon Studebaker

Bonnie Warner

Kitt Williams

ABSENT--
John Gregg

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# Freshmen Have Good Times in Store for Them

Judy Bower

Shirley Bowman

David Cox

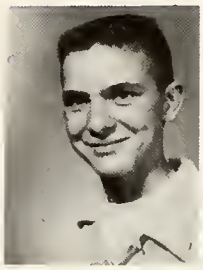
Robert Diffenderfer

Herbert Dulinsky

Stanley Ellison

Jim Gerber

Robert Grimm


DeeWayne Harshman

Connie Johnson

Alan McCune

Judy Pearson

Raymond Pinkerton

Ronald Ramsyer

Judy Shaffer

Shirley Shivers

Steve Smith

Suzan Stoner

Steve Studebaker

Pat Uptgraft

Wilma Wafford

Robert Williams

ABSENT--Sue Whitacre, Rosemary McClish

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# Eighth Grade

Vesta Addington

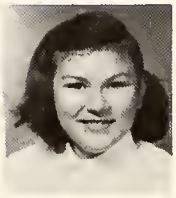
Leanna Beechler

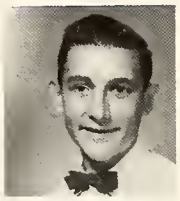
John Carnes
President

Maratha Cupp
Secretary

Raymond Dulworth

Becky Harshman
Student Council


Barbara Hill


Joe Hill

Micky King

Carol Kizer

Ann McCune

Glen McFarren

Judy Mason

Francis Mayer

Ernie Miller

Patty Miller

Howard Penrod

Judy Schooley
Treasurer

Larry Settle

Phyllis Shivers

Jack Shoemaker

Tom Swigart

Bill Uhrick

Ceila Uptgraft

Dick Warner
Student Council

Betty Whitacre

Tom Williams

Eugene Worman

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# Seventh Grade

Charlotte Allen

Linda Bower

Ruth Ann Bradley

Paula Burns

Philip Burns

Lynette Carnes

Connie Davis

Arlene Diffenderfer

Donnie Fear

Pricilla Gerard

Bonita Gottschalk
Treasurer

Michael Harris

Brenda Harshman

Carol Harshman
Student Council

Tom Harshman

Sandra Hiday
Secretary

Jerry Jacobs

David McKuras

Diane Onweller

Bill Poling

Steven Raber
Student Council

Carolyn Ramseyer

David Rose
President

Becky Terhune
Vice President

Arnold Thomas

Janice Uptgraft
News Reporter

Jewell Wafford

# Sixth Grade

Barbara Baker

Ed Baumgartner

Ted Baumgartner

Carolyn Bradley

Adrian Burns

Eunice Burns

Terry Courtney

Gloria Davis

Francis Gaier

Terry Gerber

Laura Irvin

Patricia Liddy

Mary Minnich

Kenneth Noble

Harry Penrod

Dewayne Ramseyer

Jean Schlagenhauf

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Tom Thomas

Carol Uhrick

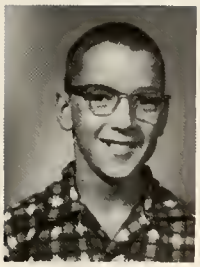
Shelia Uptgraph

Joan Williams

Bob Wilson

Cynthia Wolf

# Fifth Grade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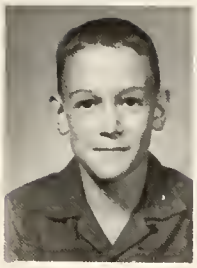
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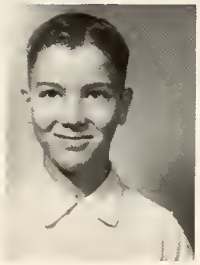
Rex Cale

Philip Fosnaugh

Bonnie Fear

Linda Gerard

Vickie Graves

Ann Harris

David Harshman

Kenny Harshman

Carol Hiday

Shirley Hiday

Shirley Hill

Steven Hott

Ronald Irvin

Richard Mayer

Becky Nusbaumer

Mary Ann Pinkerton

Velma Ramseyer

Margaret Rose

Judy Stanley

Gary Studebaker

Dell Williams

Tim Williams

ABSENT--Bob McKuras

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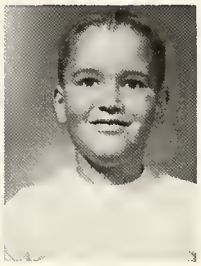
# Fourth Grade

Patsy Addington

Tommy Bradley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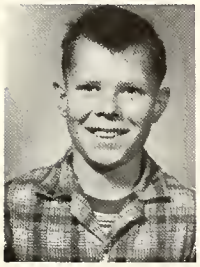
Denver Burns

Connie Courtney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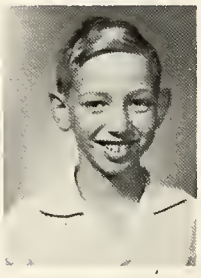
John Gaskill

Carolyn Irvin

Charlie Kirkwood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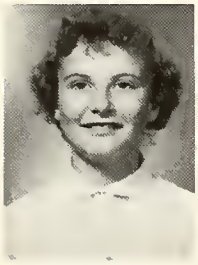

Diana Liddy

Diane Miller

Nan Pearson

Shirley Ramseyer

Dan Smith

Sheron Tappy

David Tarr

Laura Uptgraft

Ralph Warner

Paula Wilson

# Third Grade

Tom Barr

Dick Borror

Rosemary Brand

Judy Brown

Francis Brubaker

Joyce Burns

Rosemary Cupp

Keith Davison

Charles Eldridge

Hizzie Eldridge

Linda Engle

Mary Gaskill

Mary Hill

Paul Harshman

Betty Harshman

Bobby Harshman

Simon Holloway

John Kleinknight

Roger Lane

Mike Meade

Alice Pinkerton

Lorraine Miller

Becky Minnich

Billy Ramseyer

Marilyn Ramseyer

Ricky Risser

Lynn Schocke

George Studebaker

Gloria Tarr

Judy Warner

Linda Williams

Michael Worman

ABSENT--Dena Love, Eilleen Seal

# Second Grade

Laura Baker

Fern Ann Banter

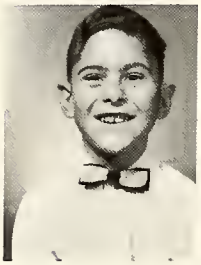
Beulah Blocker

Larry Brubaker

Alan Crull

Larry Joe Lane

Mary Eldridge


Billy Joe Gaiser

Robert Holloway

Kent Kirkwood

Karol Kirkwood

Sam Dulworth

Stephen McFarren

Stephen Meade

David Moser

Robert North

Jerry Nusbaumer

Bruce Schocke

Thomas Seal

Dale Slater

Stuart Studebaker

Gregory Thomas

Rebecca Williams

Cinda Sue Worman

ABSENT--Billy Plummer, Ronnie Harris, Linda Breedlove, Cinda Boxell, and a newcomer David Hunt.

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# First Grade

Peggy Barr

Daniel Borror

Kent Brown

Mary Nell Burns

David Courtney

Keith Alan Davison

Ted Gerber

Jimmy Harshman

Michael Higgins

Rhonda Kay Johns

Susan Kleinknight

Cathie Meade

Ned McCune

Norman Miller

Terry Onweller

Brinda Phillips

Kathy Powell

Katherine Ramseyer

Ned Risser

Ted Risser

Jimmy Shaffer

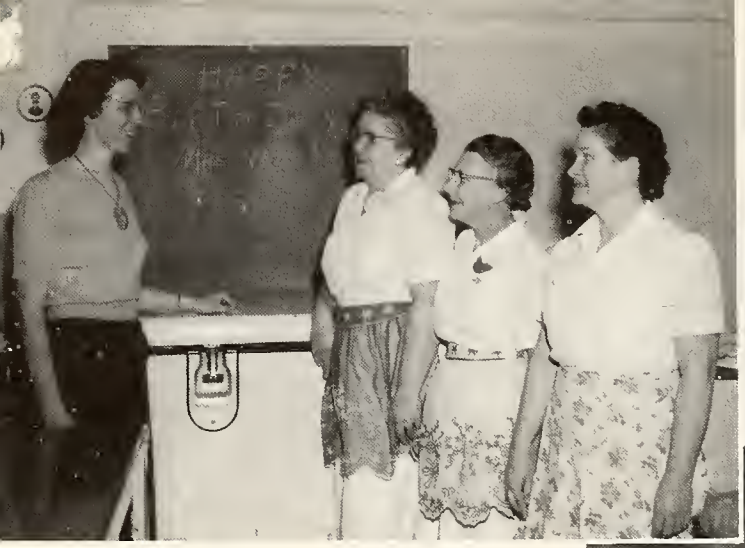
Linda Uhrick

James Uptgraft

Kenneth Warner

Diana Weir

ABSENTEES--Sedonna Love and Edward Brown



CAFETERIA MANAGER: Mrs. Marianne Woolsey. COOKS: Mrs. Bernice Baker, Mrs. Grace Liddy, and Mrs. Nina Schooley.

CUSTODIAN: Walter "Buck" Coyle.

BUS DRIVERS: Buck Settles, Ray Kirkwood, Elwood Harshman, Paul Bryant, Floyd Steiner, and Weisell Uptgraph.

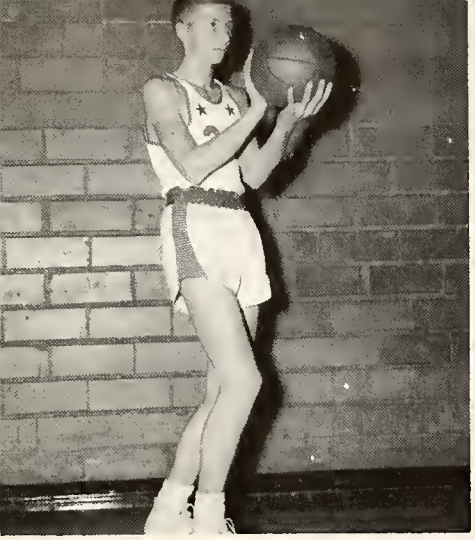
Five Strikes Coming Up!

Are You Sincere?

# Activities

Pat, Girls' H. S. Champ

Dave, Jr. High Champ



Jesse Absher, Forward

Tom Barrington, Guard

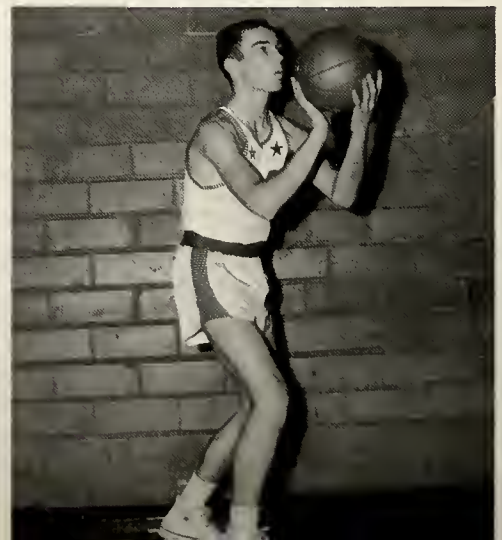
Student Managers: John

Ronald Johns, Guard

Cheerleaders: Elizabeth Bryant, Caroll Williams, Linda Pease.

Tom Poling
Center

Don Schooley
Forward



Gregg, Howard Ramseyer.

Robert Fear, Guard

Gary Isch, Guard

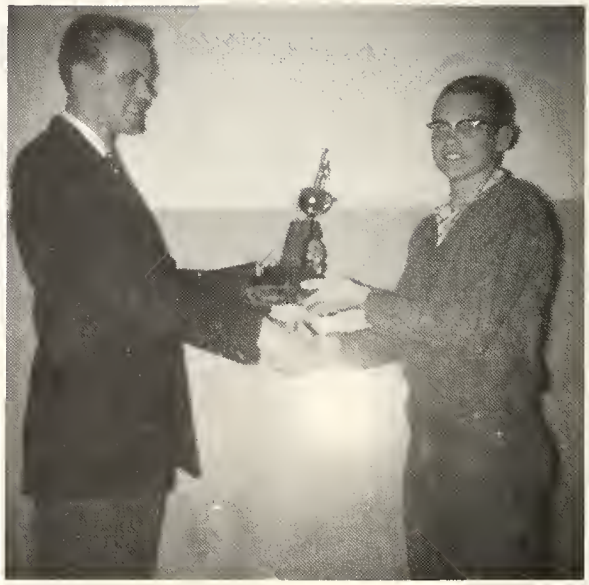
Coach
James Leap

Alan McCune
Forward

Gale Schooley
Center

Robert Williams
Guard

Tom Barrington
B Team
Free Throw Trophy Winner



Coach James Leap presents
Renner Sportsmanship Trophy
to Ronnie Johns

Gary Isch
Varsity
Free Throw Trophy Winner

## *Jr. Varsity*

FIRST ROW: John Gregg, manager, Steve Studebaker, Duke Ramseyer, manager. SECOND ROW: Gene Bradley, Stan Ellison, Gale Schooley, Coach James Leap, Jim Gerber, Tom Barrington, and Dave Cox.

# Jr. High Has Successful Season

*Cheerleaders*

Leanna Beechler, Ceila Uptgraft, and Judy Mason.

1st ROW, L. to R.: Glenn McFarren, Larry Settle, Howard Penrod, Tom Williams, Mike King, Jack Shoemaker, Bill Poling, Dick Warner. 2nd ROW: Joe Hill, student manager, Philip Burns, Dave Rose, Asbury Walker, coach, John Carnes, Raymond Dulworth, Tom Swigart, student manager.

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# Track

On your mark . . .

Can he make it?

Look out . . .!

Get set . . . go

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## *Girls' 4-H Club*

1st ROW, L. to R.: Linda Pease, Bonnie Warner, Elizabeth Bryant, Barbara Cox, Charlene Carnes, Leanna Beechler, Becky Harshman. 2nd ROW: Mariann Woolsey, Judy Schooley, Connie Harshman, Thelma Sparks, Connie Johnson, Patty Uptgraft, Shirley Bowman, Carol Kizer, Pat Baumgartner, and Sharon Studebaker.

## *Girls' 4-H Club*

1st ROW, L. to R.: Sandy Hiday, Charlotte Allen, Barbara Baker, Ann Harris, Shelia Uptgraft, Shirley Hiday, Jo Wolf. 2nd ROW: Arlene Diffenderfer, Judy Standly, Linda Gerard, Carolyn Ramseyer, Janice Uptgraft, Carol Harshman, Lynette Carnes, Bonita Gottschalk, Becky Terhune, Prisilla Gerard, Becky Neusbaumer, Patty Liddy, Carol Hiday, Mary Minnich, and Margaret Rose.

## *Boys' 4-H Club*

1st ROW, L. to R.: Harry Penrod, Ronnie Irvin, Ronald Bowman, Dewayne Ramseyer, Ed Baumgartner, Francis Gaier, Donald Bowman, Terry Gerber, Jack Schmidt. 2nd ROW: Steve Smith, Dave Minnich, Richard Arnold, Gene Bradley, Alan McCune, Jesse Absher, Stanely Ellison, Dave Cox, Gale Schooley, Tom Poling, Tom Barrington, Gary Isch, Kenny Noble, and Tom Thomas.

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# *Strike up the Band!*

Petroleum Band celebrates Valentine's Day by forming a heart with a moving arrow. The band consists of fifty-one members and has been organized as a marching band since 1954.

DRUM MAJOR--Dave Meshberger.
DRUM MAJORETTE--Priscilla Gerard.
TWIRLERS--Linda Bower, Janice Uptgraft, Leanna Beechler, Judy Mason, Carolyn Bradley, Linda Uhrich, Sharon Studebaker, Carol Kizer, Martha Cupp, Charlotte Allen.
CORNETS--Gene Stanley, Pat Baumgartner, Steve Studebaker, Philip Fosnaugh.
CLARINETS--Ramona Worman, Shelia Uptgraft, Nan Pearson, Ann Harris, Judy Stanley, Barbara Baker, Linda Gerard, Mary Minnich, Connie Courtney, Margaret Rose, Terry Gerber.
SAXOPHONES--Barbara Cox, Sue Reynolds, Connie Johnson, Connie Harshman, Judy Pearson.
FLUTE--Pat Uptgraft.
TROMBONES--David Cox, Steve Studebaker, Tom Thomas.
MELLOPHONE--Sharon Bowman.
BARITONE--Ruth Ann Bradley, David Rose.
BASS HORN--Richard Henley.
BELLS--Jo Wolf, Rebecca Terhune.
SNARE DRUMS--Janet Mason, Bonnie Gottschalk, Celia Uptgraft, Larry Courtney, Brenda Harshman.
BASS DRUM--Robert Diffenderfer.
CYMBOLS--Lynette Carnes.
FLAG CARRIERS--Bonnie Warner, Shirley Settle.

Director, Dorothy Rose

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## *High School Chorus*

1st ROW, L. to R.: Director, Dorothy Rose, Sharon Johnson, Connie Hiday, Connie Harshman, Sue Reynolds, Sue Whitacre, Ramona Worman, Betty Cupp, Barbara Cox, Dave Cox, DeWayne Harshman, Gene Stanley, Robert Diffenderfer, and Steve Smith.

## *"Dave and Priscilla"*

David Meshburger has been the drum major of the PHS band for three years, planning and directing formations for band performances.
The new majorette for this year was Priscilla Gerard who planned the twirling routines for the twirlers.
Both Dave and Priscilla have led the marching band at all home ball games and in several parades this past year. They have participated in twirling contests, both winning honors.

## *Junior Band*

1st ROW, L. to R.: Linda Williams, Judy Brown. 2nd ROW: Dena Love, Velma Remseyer, Rosemary Brand, Carolyn Irvin, Laura Uptgraft. 3rd ROW: Cinda Worman, Beulah Blocker, Mary Eldridge, Alice Pinkerton, Betty Whitacre, Vesta Addington, Francis Mayer, Mary Gaskill, Judy Warner, Cathy Powell, Rhonda Johns. 4th ROW: Billy Jo Wolf, Dick Borror, Simon Holloway, George Studebaker, Ruth Ann Bradley, Arlene Diffenderfer, Stuart Studebaker, Robert Holloway, Ed Baumgartner, Tom Bradley, Ted Baumgartner, Francis Gier, Lorraine Miller, Patsy Addington.

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# Student Council

STANDING: Richard Arnold, president, Lauren Flick, advisor. 1st ROW, L. to R.: Tom Thomas, Vaugh Betts, Robert Williams, Dick Warner, and Richard Markley. 2nd ROW: Carol Harshman, Susan Stoner, Sharon Johnson, and Becky Harshman. 3rd ROW: Ramona Worman, and Charlene Carnes.

# F. F. A.

1st ROW, L. to R.: Gary Isch, Gale Schooley, Bob Settle, Jesse Absher, Richard Markley, and Jack Schmidt. 2nd ROW: Howard Ramseyer, Steve Smith, Steve Studebaker, Gene Bradley, Allen McCune, Darol Myers, Tom Poling, Dave Cox, Stanley Ellison, and Tom Barrington.

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The pictures on this page were taken during "Work Day" at PHS. This project was sponsored by the Stu-

dent Council. Activities of the day included repairing, building, planting, filing, rearranging, and general clean up.

At noon all workers enjoyed a free lunch served out-of-doors. Students and teachers agree that Work Day was successful and will undoubtedly be continued every spring.

Sue Reynolds and Mrs. Tangeman.

# Panther Tales Staff

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Earl Meshberger, Richard Arnold, Gary Shannon, and Donald Schooley.

Barbara Cox, Jone Gregg, and Caroll Williams.

Journalism class writing articles.

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Barbara Cox

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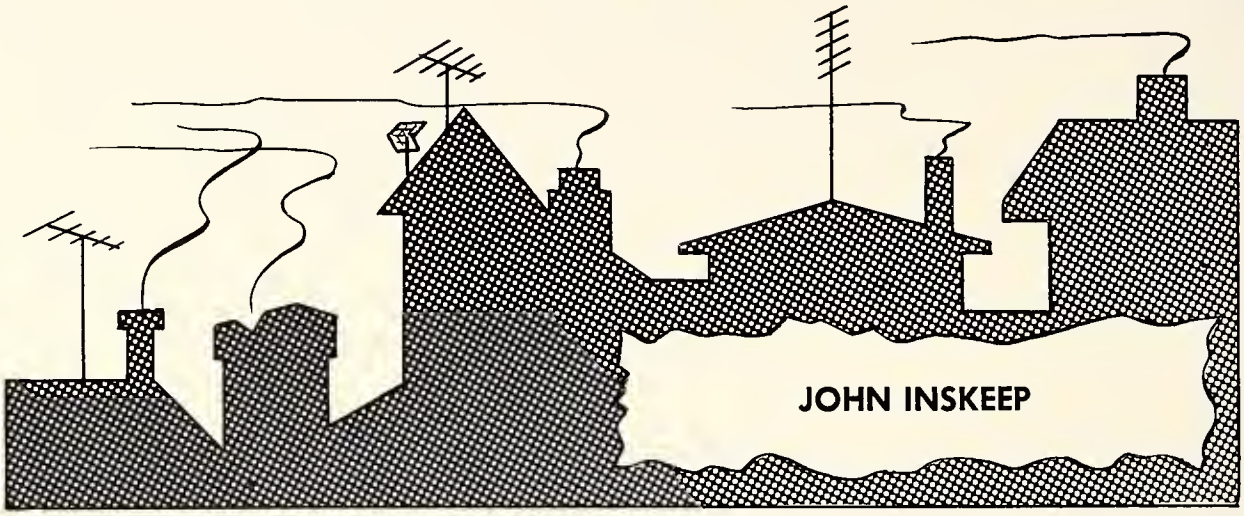


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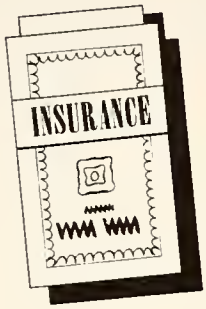


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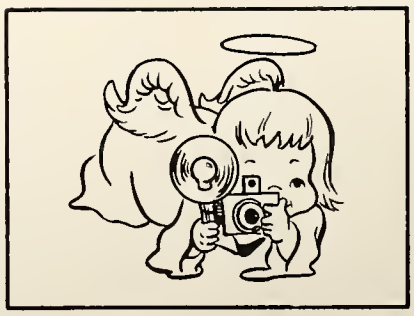

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